IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a request for a function space at a digital processing system, the digital processing system containing an availability information for one or more function spaces at a plurality of remote properties and a set of pricing rules for one or more function spaces, the set of pricing rules comprising pricing rules pertaining to supplementary sales, the request including a plurality of criteria;

determining an availability of the requested function space based upon the availability information and one or more of the plurality of criteria; and

upon determining that the requested function space satisfying the one or more of the plurality of criteria is available, ~~determining a price~~ automatically providing a real-time price quote for the requested function space based upon the set of pricing rules [[and]], the pricing rules being based on a weight assigned to each of the one or more of the plurality of criteria.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of remote properties are individual hotels of a hotel chain.

4. (Cancelled)

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 further comprising:

receiving an acceptance of the price quote for the requested function space from the user;

and

establishing a reservation for the requested function space.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 further comprising:

receiving a rejection of the price quote for the requested function space from the user;

and

providing alternatives to one or more of the plurality of criteria in real-time.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein establishing a reservation for the

requested function space includes allocating a function space of a specified

category, the category specified by one or more category-related criteria included in

the plurality of criteria of the request.

8.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the category-related criteria include

one or more criteria[[on]] selected from the group consisting of attendance, event type, setup

styles and area.

9.   (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium that provides executable instructions,

which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method, the method

comprising:

receiving a request for a function space at a digital processing system, the digital

processing system containing an availability information for one or more function spaces at a

plurality of remote properties and a set of pricing rules for one or more function spaces, the set of

pricing rules comprising pricing rules pertaining to supplementary sales, the request including a

plurality of criteria;

determining an availability of the requested function space based upon the availability

information and one or more of the plurality of criteria; and

upon determining that the requested function space satisfying the one or more of the

plurality of criteria is available, ~~determining a price~~ automatically providing a real-time price

quote for the requested function space based upon the set of pricing rules ~~and one or more of the~~

~~plurality of criteria,~~ the pricing rules being based on a weight assigned to each of the one or more

of the plurality of criteria.

10.   (Canceled)

11.   (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 9 wherein the plurality

of remote properties are individual hotels of a hotel chain.

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 12 further comprising:

receiving an acceptance of the price quote for the requested function space from the user;

and

establishing a reservation for the requested function space.

14. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 12 further comprising:

receiving a rejection of the price quote for the requested function space from the user;

and

providing alternatives to one or more of the plurality of criteria in real-time.

15. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13 wherein establishing a reservation

for the requested function space includes allocating a function space of a specified category, the

category specified by one or more category-related criteria included in the plurality of criteria of

the request.

16. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 15 wherein the category-

related criteria include one or more criteria[[on]] selected from the group consisting of

attendance, event type, setup styles and area.

17. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

one or more user input devices, each user input device to provide a request for a function

space, the request including a plurality of criteria; and

a central digital processing system having a memory device, the memory device having

stored thereon a set of pricing rules and an availability information for one or more function

spaces at a plurality of remote properties, the set of pricing rules comprising pricing rules

pertaining to supplementary sales, the central digital processing system coupled to the one or

more user input devices to provide an availability determination for the requested function space

based upon the availability information and one or more of the plurality of criteria, and, upon

providing the availability determination, a ~~price determination~~ <u>real-time price quote</u> <u>automatically</u> for the requested function space based upon the set of pricing rules ~~and one or more of the plurality of criteria,~~ <u>the pricing rules being based on a weight assigned to each of the</u> <u>one or more of the plurality of criteria.</u>

18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Original) The system of claim 17 wherein the plurality of remote properties are individual hotels of a hotel chain.

20.   (Cancelled)

21.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 20 further comprising:

receiving an acceptance of the price <u>quote</u> for the requested function space from the user; and

establishing a reservation for the requested function space.

22.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 20 further comprising:

receiving a rejection of the price ~~determination~~ <u>quote</u> for the requested function space from the user; and

providing alternatives to one or more of the plurality of criteria in real-time.

23.   (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein establishing a reservation for the requested function space includes allocating a function space of a specified

category, the category specified by one or more category-related criteria included in

the plurality of criteria of the request.

24.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 23 wherein the category-related

criteria include one or more criteria[[on]] selected from the group consisting of

attendance, event type, setup styles and area.